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Coastal Engineering Research Board meets in Alaska

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Engineering Research Board will be held in Anchorage June 7-9. This is the first time the board has met in Alaska since May 1986 when the meetings were held in Homer. The meetings start at 12:30 p.m. in Summit Hall, Egan Civic and Convention Center. They are open to the public.

Major General Don T. Riley, Director of Civil Works for the Corps, will chair the meetings. Various speakers and panels will present information on Alaskan coastal engineering topics, including village erosion and relocation, the Port of Anchorage, the Alaska District's dredging program, subsistence harbors, climate change impacts on the Alaska coastline, subsistence and cultural issues, tsunami warning center operations, and ocean observing systems.

The Coastal Engineering Research Board (CERB) functions as an advisory board to the Corps' Chief of Engineers at the headquarters level in Washington, D.C. The board provides broad policy guidance and review of plans and fund requirements for conducting research and developing research projects. The Board meets semi-annually around the U.S. coastline and the Great Lakes on a rotating basis.

This is the board's 79th meeting. The board is comprised of seven members. The president of the board is Director of Civil Works. Three other senior military officers on the board are division engineers of coastal U.S. Army Corps of Engineers divisions. The three civilian members are outstanding in the broad field of coastal engineering. The Commander and Deputy Director of the U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station is the Executive Secretary of the CERB and is responsible for all administrative functions of the board.

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NOTE TO NEWS DIRECTORS AND REPORTERS: The sessions are open to the public and you are welcome to come and take notes. If you wish to take photos, set up a TV camera, or schedule an appointment with any of the participants, please call Pat in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District Public Affairs office, 753-2520, to make arrangements so we don't disturb the sessions. See agenda below for a schedule of the sessions, topics, and presenters.

Tuesday, 7 June 2005

- 0800 – 1300 Registration Outside Conference Room (Summit Hall of Egan Center)
- 1230 - 1245 Opening Remarks, MG Don T. Riley, Director of Civil Works
- 1245 – 1300 Welcome to Pacific Ocean Division (POD) from BG Robert L. Davis, POD Commander, and to Alaska District from COL Timothy J. Gallagher, Alaska District Commander
- 1300 – 1330 Tsunami Warning Center Operations, Mr. Bruce W. Turner, West Coast & Alaska Tsunami Warning Center
- 1330 – 1400 Pacific Risk Management ‘Ohana: A Shared Vision for Integrated Risk Management in the Pacific, Ms. Eileen L. Shea, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI
- 1400 – 1430 Break
- 1430 – 1500 Alaska Modeling and Data Issues, Mr. Bruce A. Ebersole, Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory (CHL)
- 1500 – 1530 Alaska Ocean Observing System (AOOS), Ms. Molly McCammon, AOOS
- 1530 – 1600 Pacific Islands Integrated Ocean Observing System: Building a Foundation, Ms. Shea
- 1600 – 1615 First Day Closing Remarks, MG Riley

Wednesday, 8 June 2005

- 0800 – 0815 Opening Remarks, MG Don T. Riley, Director of Civil Works
- 0815 – 0900 Honolulu District Coastal Research and Development Needs, Mr. Thomas D. Smith, Honolulu District
- 0900 - 0945 Climate Change Impacts on the Alaska Coastline, Dr. Orson P. Smith, University of Alaska Anchorage
- 0945 – 1015 Break
- 1015 – 1045 Developing Wind/Wave Hindcast Climatologies for Alaska, Dr. David E. Atkinson, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- 1045 – 1145 Subsistence and Cultural Issues:
Why is Subsistence so Important for Alaskan Communities? Mr. Taylor Brelsford, Bureau of Land Management
Collaborative Approaches to Complex Problems, Dr. Henry P. Huntington, Huntington Consulting

1145 – 1330	Lunch	
1330 – 1400	The Denali Commission, Mr. Al Ewing, Denali Commission	
1400 – 1430 Management	North Slope Science Initiative, Mr. Kenton P. Taylor, Bureau of Land	
1430 – 1500	Report of Newtok, Mr. Stanley Tom, Community of Newtok, AK	
1500 – 1530	Break	
1530 – 1650	Panel Discussion Shishmaref, Alaska	Ms. Patricia Opheen, POA, Moderator
	Coastal Engineering	
	Tribal Partnership, Shishmaref, Alaska	Mr. Alan Jeffries, POA
	Policy and Planning Issues	Mr. Bruce Sexauer, POA
	Shishmaref Erosion and Relocation	Ms. Luci Eningowuk, Shishmaref
	Coalition	Erosion and Relocation Coalition
1650 – 1700	Closing Remarks for Day 2, MG Riley	

Thursday, 9 June 2005

0800 – 0815	Opening Remarks, MG Don T. Riley, Director of Civil Works
0815 – 0900	Port of Anchorage, Governor William J. Sheffield, Port of Anchorage
0900 - 0945 Consulting	Cook Inlet Sedimentation and Modeling, Mr. John G. Oliver, John Oliver
0945 - 1015	Break
1015 – 1045	Alaska District Dredging Program, Mr. Allen Churchill, POA
1045 – 1115	Subsistence Harbors in Alaska, Mr. Kenneth Eisses, POA
1115 - 1145	Public Comment
1145 – 1200	Board Recommendations/Remarks, Board
1200 – 1215	Closing Comments, MG Riley
1215	Adjourn General Session